



EASTERN ASIA: In Manchuria, scattered light to moderate showers (10-50 mm) brought some drought relief, but warm weather increased crop water demands, thereby reducing the beneficial effects of the rainfall. Temperatures averaged 2 to 3 degrees C above normal across the region, with the highest temperatures ranging from 29 to 32 degrees C. In the North China Plain, mostly dry weather returned to Hebei, northern Shandong, and northern Henan, also reducing moisture supplies. Widespread showers (30-75 mm, with isolated amounts greater than 100 mm) covered the rest of the North China Plain, and central and southern China, boosting moisture supplies for summer crops. Temperatures averaged 1 to 2 degrees C above normal across central and southern China. Showers (25-80 mm) continued to ease drought across North Korea. In South Korea, variable showers (5-60 mm) maintained moisture supplies, with the heaviest showers (150-300 mm) causing local flooding in the extreme south. On the southern Japanese Island of Kyushu, heavy showers (50-200 mm) boosted moisture supplies. In the rest of Japan, mostly dry weather prevailed except for central Honshu (10-60 mm). Temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees above normal across the Korean Peninsula and Japan.